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284. (Four Times Amended) A non-safety-releasable snowboard binding to mount a snowboard boot to a snowboard, the snowboard boot having a first engagement member mounted thereto, the snowboard binding comprising:

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a base; and

a second engagement member, mounted to the base, that is adapted to mate with the first engagement member to engage the snowboard boot to the binding, the second engagement

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member being an active <sup>second</sup> engagement member that is movable relative to the base between a first state wherein the second engagement member does not engage the first engagement member and

a second state wherein the second engagement member engages the first engagement member to prevent safety release of the boot from the binding during riding, and wherein the active

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second engagement member is automatically movable, in response to the snowboard boot stepping out of the binding, from the second state to the first state.

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